

FERNANDO C. SANTOS

IBLA 77-420

Decided September 15, 1977

Appeal from a decision of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting simultaneous oil and gas lease offer W 59359.

Affirmed.

1. Oil and Gas Leases: Applications: Generally--Oil and Gas Leases:  
Applications: Drawings

Where a drawing entry card sets out the names of two applicants but one applicant fails to sign the card, the card is not in compliance with 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a) which requires that the card be "fully executed," and the lease offer is properly rejected.

APPEARANCES: Fernando C. Santos, pro se.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE RITVO

Fernando C. Santos has appealed from a decision of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, dated May 12, 1977, rejecting his oil and gas lease offer W 59359 filed on a drawing entry card for Parcel WY-171 of the May 1977 list of lands available for simultaneous oil and gas filings. Appellant's offer was the first drawn for this parcel. The offer was rejected because although the face of the card lists Santos and his wife, Nattie Santos, as applicants, Nattie Santos did not sign the entry card, though both signature spaces have the date inserted.

Appellant states his wife did not sign the card as he was entering the bid.

[1] The Board has ruled on numerous occasions that strict compliance with regulation 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a) requiring drawing entry cards to be signed and fully executed, is necessary.

John Willard Dixon, 28 IBLA 275 (1976); Robert J. Burkhill, 28 IBLA 76 (1976). Even minor deviations and omissions in the information required on a drawing entry card are sufficient to warrant the rejection of the offer. Raymond F. Kaiser, 27 IBLA 373 (1976). Thus, the omission of a signature has been held a proper reason for rejection of the offer. Melvin C. Hudson, 28 IBLA 359 (1977); John Willard Dixon, *supra*. In a case where both of the applicants signed the card but one of the applicants omitted the date, the lease offer was also rejected. Thomas V. Guldo, 29 IBLA 126 (1977). As was stated in Thomas Buckmann, 23 IBLA 21, 22 (1975), "the signing of the card is the certification of all other statements made on the card." Thus the entry card was defective when filed and was properly rejected.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decision appealed from is affirmed.

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Martin Ritvo  
Administrative Judge

We concur:

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Edward W. Stuebing  
Administrative Judge

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Frederick Fishman  
Administrative Judge

